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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6559 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Transportation Committee Public Hearing
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Chairmen Maynard and Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner, and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 6559, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

Jerry "Dale" Cox III was a talented young man with a bright future. A student at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, he exhibited a genuine passion for working on cars; in addition to his automotive repair studies in the classroom, he could be found after school with friends restoring a 1967 Ford Mustang. He was a true credit to our vocational school system, and exemplified the merits of providing our youth with the training to pursue a career in a skilled trade. We lost Dale in December 2010 when his truck struck the Greenwoods Road overpass in Torrington. Naming this bridge after Mr. Cox would be a fitting honor to the promise he displayed, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

The name John "Tony" Miscikoski is both well-known and highly-revered in the halls of Connecticut government. Serving the city of Torrington for 22 years in the General Assembly, Tony was a tireless advocate for his community. He earned the moniker "Mr. Route 8" for his relentless efforts to develop the roadway into the state's Northwest Corner. His dedication to public service resonated well beyond his House district, however; affectionately termed the "Father of the Connecticut Lottery," Tony fought zealously for nearly a decade to authorize the sale of lottery tickets in the state. His perseverance paid off in 1971 when Governor Meskill signed PA 71-865 into law and when the first ticket was subsequently sold in February 1972. Since its institution, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation has contributed in excess of \$7 billion to the state's General Fund, easing our citizens' tax burdens and supporting numerous programs that benefit our communities. Tony left us in March 2012, but by designating the stretch of Route 8 between exits 43 and 45 in his honor, we can pay tribute to a man whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill. I urge you to vote in favor of HB 6559.